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June 2015

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CBF/GA News

Prayers for Charleston

Our hearts have been broken by the shootings at Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston. CBF/GA joins with our CBF friends in South Carolina and with brothers and sisters worldwide in offering continuing prayer for all touched by this unspeakable tragedy, born as it was out of racial prejudice. Our hope is that individual and corporate grief will translate into acts of love and reconciliation as we walk forward together. May our responses echo these words, taken from the pastoral prayer offered by Frank Granger at First Baptist, Athens, Georgia, on Sunday, June 21:

"Our hearts are full of love and compassion for our brothers and sisters of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Together we remember the nine members of that congregation who were killed. May we also remember how their lives matter . . . to their families, their friends, and their family of faith;

They were influential to those whose lives they touched;

Let us remember the love they gave, their smiles, their contributions,

The hospitality they extended to the stranger in their midst;

Their embodiment of the gospel of Christ.

"You have entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation - may we live into this calling.

Give us courage and strength to live these days as messengers and ambassadors for Christ;

Ambassadors for reconciliation not condemnation;

Ambassadors for justice not vengeance;

Ambassadors for hope not despair, for love and not fear

Love to neighbor and stranger,

Love to those who suffer,

Love to enemy as well. Amen."

Senior Adult Leadership Summit Tuesday, July 28!

Senior adult ministers and lay leaders from across the state are invited to a Senior Adult leadership summit, to be held at the CBF/GA office in Macon on Tuesday, July 28, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., with lunch provided. The purpose of this summit is to consider ways to enhance ministry with senior adults through CBF/GA. We will discuss the strengths of our Senior Celebrations while considering how these events might be updated to better meet needs of senior adults as we plan for the future. Email invitations will be sent to senior adult ministers and senior adult lay leaders for whom we have contact information. If you have questions or would like to

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SAVE THE DATE for CBF/GA Middle Neighborhood Picnic:

Sunday, August 23, 2015, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Highland Hills Baptist Church Courtyard, 1370 Briarcliff Road, Macon, Georgia 31211

This event is an effort to "get to know" our neighbors in the CBF/GA Middle Neighborhood, a new concept in combining work within the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia. Together we will decide how we want to impact our part of the state in missions, ministries, worship and fellowship. We hope you will be a part of this innovative approach which resulted from the recent discernment process conducted by the Coordinating Council of CBF/GA.

Details regarding menu and activities will follow in personal emails to the pastors of churches listed above and in future ReVisions. Please email the neighborhood at cbfgamiddleneckighborhood2015@gmail.com with responses and questions.

The CBF/GA Middle Neighborhood also has created a FaceBook group called **CBFGA Middle Neighborhood**. Click [here](#) to go to their page, then click on the "join group" button. The CBF/GA Middle Neighborhood consists of the following churches: Central, Gray; Community, Milledgeville; FBC, Eatonton; FBC, Milledgeville; FBC, Thomaston; FBC, Forsyth; FBCX, Macon; Greenwood, Gray; Haddock BC; Highland Hills, Macon; Monticello BC; Mt. Zion, Macon; New Heights, Macon; Rocky Creek, Forsyth; Union, Warthen; and Vineville, Macon.

Deacon Network Meeting Set

A Deacon Network fall gathering will take place Sunday, September 13, at Trinity Baptist Church in Moultrie, Georgia. Details will be announced soon.

ReCharge Youth Retreat

ReCharge, the CBF/GA annual youth retreat, is planned for Friday through Sunday, October 9-11, at Woodland Christian Camp in Temple, Georgia. More information will be available soon, but you may contact Martha Kate Hall at mkhall@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 2, with questions.

Save the Dates Page for Student Ministries of CBF/GA

To view upcoming CBF/GA student ministry event dates for the 2015/2016 academic year, please click [here](#). For information about these events, call Martha Kate Hall at 478-742-1191, ext. 2.

Please Send Address Changes

Keeping any database up-to-date is a challenge, and we at CBF/GA solicit your help with this! Please send information about physical and/or email address changes to Melissa Kremer at mkremer@cbfga.org. We thank you in advance for helping with this, as we strive to be good stewards of resources while keeping you informed.

Be a CBF/GA Ambassador

If you have an interest in becoming a CBF/GA Ambassador for your congregation, please contact Renée Bennett at rbennett@cbfga.org or 478-742-1191, ext. 3. A CBF/GA Ambassador is one who actively promotes CBF/GA and encourages

connections between his/her local church and CBF/GA. We will be glad to send you information on becoming an Ambassador.

From CBF/National

Selah Vie Student Retreat

Selah Vie, an end-of-summer retreat for college and graduate students, will take place Monday - Wednesday, August 3-5, in Nashville, TN, at the Joe C. Davis YMCA Outdoor Center. This retreat is designed to give students a chance to seek guidance, to reflect, and to discern God's direction in their lives. Specialized tracks will give attention to the different life stages in which students may find themselves. Cost of the retreat is \$75 for two nights' lodging and five meals. The Rev. Meredith Stone of Logsdon School of Theology of Hardin-Simmons University will lead in worship, and Josh Beeler of Knoxville, TN, will provide music. For more information, please contact Devita Parnell, Young Baptist Ecosystem Manager for CBF, at dparnell@cbf.net.

From Our Friends

Evening of Solidarity with our A.M.E. friends

In the wake of the Emanuel A.M.E. church shootings, there are unanswered questions such as "What would be a meaningful response that is neither trite nor intrusive?" The CBF/GA community is invited to join in one of 52 "evenings of solidarity" planned across the nation, to offer a constructive outlet for collective grief. One such evening is planned for 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, in Macon, Georgia, for a diverse delegation of local leaders to join together with local A.M.E. brothers and sisters to share conversation, a meal, expressions of friendship and solidarity, and prayer. For more information, please contact the Rev. Cameron Pennybacker at DiversityAssets.org in Macon or by phone at 478-335-2337 (direct line).

BaptistWay Press Offers Free Resources

BaptistWay Press is offering free Bible Study resources *for churches and classes which have never ordered from BWP*. The offer ends July 10, and churches are responsible only for paying shipping charges. Please contact Stan Granberry, BaptistWay Press Specialist, for a list of available studies and to order. Stan may be reached at 866-249-1799, ext. 3741, or at www.baptistwaypress.org.

Racial Reconciliation Resources Available

Resources are available to churches seeking ongoing Christ-focused conversations on racial reconciliation. On Sunday, July 5, houses of worship representing diverse faiths have opportunity to participate in a "Freedom from Racism" Sunday. Additionally, the New Baptist Covenant offers support for churches wishing to participate in Covenants of Action with congregations from different races and possibly different Baptist traditions. For more information, click [here](#). A resource called "Racism," published by The Center for Christian Ethics at Baylor University, offers a wealth of information, including a worship service with prayers, hymns, readings, and scripture. This resource can be found [here](#). An additional resource, produced by EthicsDaily.com, is a DVD and study guide called "Beneath the Skin: Baptists and Racism." Find more information and order a copy of the DVD [here](#).

Fall Preaching Consultation

The Preaching Consultation takes place October 4-6, 2015, at the Chattanooga Hotel in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Dr. Thomas Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology at Emory University, will be the keynote speaker. For more information, call Diane Frazier at 678-547-6470. The 2015 Preaching Consultation is sponsored by McAfee School of Theology of Mercer University, CBF National, and the state CBFs of Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee.

Reference and Referral

Hospice Care Options, a well-established family owned central Georgia company, is seeking a **full-time chaplain** for our Eastman and Ocilla agencies. The chaplain must live in the service area or be willing to relocate there. The responsibilities of a Hospice Chaplain include the provision of spiritual/ pastoral care to terminally ill patients and family members; bereavement support and counseling; facilitation of hospice memorial services; occasionally officiating at funerals of patients; and development of an interdisciplinary plan of care for patients. Job requirements include a religious/ theological educational degree, ordination or endorsement from your religious body, and at least one unit of CPE from an accredited provider. For more information about Hospice Care Options, please see the website at www.hcoga.com. For more information about the job, please contact Tina Cansler Clark at tcclark@hcoga.com.

First Baptist Church, Aiken, South Carolina (www.fbcaiken.org) is seeking a full-time **Associate Minister in Student Ministries**. Located in the heart of the historic downtown area, our congregation is moderate, traditional, and ecumenical with a rich heritage in worship, missions, and nurture. As a member of our pastoral staff team, our Student Minister will have responsibility for all middle school, high school, and college age groups' ministries. Seminary training and transferable ministry experience are expected. Send resume with references to Randy R. Duckett, Search Committee Chair, PO Box 3157, Aiken, SC 29802.

First Baptist Church of Fitzgerald is prayerfully searching for a **Senior Pastor** who wants to grow with our church family towards a stronger faith in Christ through prayer and Bible study, community service and missions, both locally and abroad. First Baptist Church is a loving and caring Christian community seeking to extend the open hand of God's grace to meet the physical and spiritual needs of others through worship, education, ministry, fellowship and spiritual nurturing. The church of 250+ active members worships in a traditional style including organ, orchestra, handbells and choir. It holds to Baptist traditions through a dual alignment with the SBC and CBF. It is committed to reaching beyond its walls through community service and missions. Please submit resumes to fbcf@fbcfitz.com or First Baptist Church, PO Box 367, Fitzgerald, GA 31750.

Haven Fellowship Church, a moderate interdenominational church located in Conyers, Georgia, with an active membership of approximately 200, is seeking a full-time Senior Pastor to succeed our retiring pastor of 18 years. Our church is best characterized as a lay-driven congregation of caring people who are passionate about reaching and serving others. We are uniquely positioned both financially and

through our existing facilities to meet the spiritual and physical needs of our growing community. It is our desire to call a person to this position that shares our core values and beliefs, possesses and exhibits the traits of strong leadership through humility and genuinely desires being a part of a relationship-based family of believers. The compensation package offered ranges from \$60,000-\$90,000, commensurate with experience and qualifications. Interested persons should send their resumes and references to havensearch@gmail.com or mail to Haven Search Team, 2240 Smyrna Road, Conyers, GA 30094, no later than July 15, 2015. To see a full ministry description and an in-depth profile of HFC, please visit https://www.dropbox.com/sh/g45ruwxm2dzio63/AAB56zVIFNcseSqh_nuKOTJsa?dl=0.

Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA, is seeking a Minister of Children and Families to work in cooperation with the Minister of Congregational Life to oversee and direct Wieuca Road's ministry to infants, preschoolers, and elementary school students and their families. The candidate for this position will have either a master's level degree from an accredited seminary or a degree in a field related to childhood education. He or she will have the necessary temperament and talents to work effectively with children and their families. In addition, the candidate should be able to articulate a God-given call to local church ministry and a desire to minister to children and their families. He or she will have at least 3 years' experience in children's ministry or a related field. Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter by email to Pam Jernigan at pjernigan@wieuca.org. This position is available immediately. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. Wieuca Road is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

First Baptist Church of Asheville is a caring and compassionate church which, like Jesus, accepts everyone and is committed to serving our neighbors, community, and world. We are currently seeking an individual to fill the full-time position of Minister with Children and Families. The ideal candidate will be a seminary graduate, have experience in local church ministry, a primary calling to work with children and their families, an awareness of and sensitivity to stages of development in children, express creativity in ministry, emphasize developing and deepening spiritual formation in children and their families, and be able to affirm our church's mission, vision and values. Interested persons should send a resume and cover letter to: First Baptist Church of Asheville, 5 Oak Street, Asheville, NC 28801, Attn. Minister with Children Search Committee; or email it to tbratton@fbca.net. To see a full ministry position description, please visit our website -- www.fbca.net.

For a full listing of open positions, visit www.cbfga.org

Financial Report

Budget Receipts as of 5/31/2015

Budget Year Begins in January

Year to date	2015	2014
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Receipts:	195,403.64	216,176.46	(
Requirement:	242,106.80	230,032.70	
Over/(Under)	(46,703.16)	(13,856.24)	

May 2015:

Receipts:	34,635.50	50,444.76
Requirement:	\$48,421.36	46,006.54
Over/(Under)	(13,785.86)	4,438.22

**Designated
Year to Date**

Receipts	52,389.75
Expenses	71,591.60
Over/(Under)	(19,201.85)

NOTE FOR 2015 CONTRIBUTORS

All 2015 contributions to CBF/GA must be received in the office, or be postmarked, by Thursday, December 31, 2015. If you have questions or concerns, please call or contact Dawn Williams, Assistant to the Coordinator for Finance, at 478-742-1191, ext. 5, or at dwilliams@cbfga.org.

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